

I am contente sayde the Scoler and apente I shall lay
downe and the paccyon sub thus bytweene them made/
for plegge eche of theym two theyr sygnettes of golde
me And on the morne as Crantus was ryfen bp oute of
sleepe that he had losse hys ryng on hys synger he Sayd
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I remembre and knowe for Certeyne that thys Daye we
four hous / and why sayde Crantus / Elope saydeto
Whest thou nat the bargayne and paccyon that thou yester
daye And what bethey sayd Crantus / thou art bounde to
me see / and for gage and plegge hast thou leste thy ryng
and whan Crantus hadde these wordes he was soze a bas
in what maner shall I drynke out all þe / thys may nat
possyble wherfore Elope I praye the to counseyll me if it
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chance shall make that thou shalt well breke the paccyon And the
sayde Elope is thys that whan thyn aduersary shall requy
re fulfill thy promyse: Thou shalt charge and commaun
dmentes that they brynge a table and all suche other thynges
as to it / bpon the ryuage of þe See and make the butlers
stande byde ther wth the and bysoze all the company thou
shalt be whallhen and fylled full of the water of the see
in thy honde and pray that the paccyon may be declared
falschyp and saye that thou wilt assure the promyse as
well as after and thus shalt thou say to all the felawshyp
I ampe knowe howe yester day at eyn I made pro
mise all the water of the see. But all ye wot well howe many
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whyle aft as
Erantus was wpyth
Eslope Beholdynge
the greate sepulchres
oz tombes / and the
epitauues of the ancy-
ent folke and Eslope
whych perceyued an
arche that was mygh
of a Columbe vnto
the whych men went
by vnto it By foure
steppes he went the-
der and with out any
consonaunce he saw
letters mytten And
entyteled after thys
fourne folowynge.
A B C D E F G H

Eslope called hys mayster and sayde to hym. My Lorde what betoke
in the these letters / Erantus looked and behelde theym well and a longe
whyle he thought what they sygnifyed / and by cause he coulde nat the
sygnifycacyon of theym / he sayde to Eslope tell me what these Letters
sygnifye / and Eslope sayd my lorde if I shew the a sayetresour what
rewarde shall I haue of the : Erantus sayde haue thou a good Corage
for I shall gyue to the freedom and lyberteie and the halfe of thys trea-
soure and a none Eslope went do wne the foure steppys and so depe he
delued at the fote of the colupme that he founde the tresoure whyche a
non he gaue to hys Lorde and sayde to hym my Lorde I praye the that
thou wylt do to me as thou haste promysed and Erantus sayd to hym
howe thou haue lyberteie and freedom / Thou muste Lerne me howe
to use the same and I will be thy mayster in the same I repute and sette by

sayde howe knowest thou it / by the letters whiche sygnifyeth to vs/
 that thou gyue and take to the kyng. Whonifous the tresoure whych
 thou haste founde And whan Crantus hadde hym say that the tresour
 whiche they had foude was apparteprynge to the kyng. Whonifous
 he sayde thus / Clope take the one halfe of thys tresour and let no man
 knowe of it Clope than sayde to hym thou gwest it me nat / but he that
 put and delued it here gyue it to me And Cratus sayd how knowest
 thou that Clope answered for the letters folowynge shewyn and syg-
 nifyen it that is to wete C D N J C A. The whiche letters sygnifye
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As Crantus was tour-
 ned agayn fro his ho-
 us fro place where
 as Clope had foude
 the tresour in the tre-
 sours byfore said / he
 Marueyled of the
 wysdome that was
 in Clope. But for
 lyberte and freedom
 whiche he demaun-
 ded he was angrie &
 drebynge / sayde the
 tinge of Clope ma-
 de hym to be put fast
 in pryson. And Clo-
 pe thys is a saye pro-
 mys of a philoso-
 pher Thou knowest

well how thou promysed to me lyberte. And in steede of freedom & ly-
 bertye I am put in pryson. Whan Cratus herde hym so speke he reuol-
 ued & chaunged his sentence & made hym to be deliuered & after sayde
 to Clope if thou wylt be put to thy lyberte / holde thy tinge in pease &
 excuse me no more & Clope sayd do whate wylt for wylt thou or nat /
 thou shalt put me to my lyberte. That same tyme befell a marueylous

For that stone that thou ther seek at the Centre of the be
that passed stumblid at the stone and none was so wylle
but thys one man / and therfore I sayd that ther was m
all the other ben but chylozen and Ignorantes And Cra
hym thou haste well excused the and founde no cause to b

¶ Thys hy story folowynge maketh mencyon ho
and wored hys mayster.

¶ After that Crantus had was then hym he retorne
and as he went he purged hys belye and eased hym
And Clope was besyde wyth a papyll full of water and
to Clope wherfore is it that when a man hath eased hym
belye / That he loketh vpon the ordure or mater. And Clo
hym and sayde There was in tyme passed a philosopher
ged so is belye / And for sece that he shulde lese hys Syc
loked and behelde if he voyded it wyth hys sylthe or ordure
purged hys belye And euer after men loken when they pur
lyes what they voyd but thou oughtest nat to dout therof
no wylle nescyence to lese for to a foulylle demaund belong
answer

¶ And on the moore next folowynge as Crantus was le
wyth all hys frendes holdynge a pece of wyne in hys hand
re of the questyons that men asked of hym. And Clope say
mayster Dionysius saythe that the good wyne hath the
sythe is voluptuosyte / the seconde is gladnes / And the thirde
maketh men folles and out of theyr wyttes wherfore I pr
dynte and make good cheer and because that Crantus
moste dronke for he had well dronken and sayde to Clope
se for thou art counseyler of hell / I shall auenge me on thy

¶ And than anone the scoles sayd / saynge that Cr
k 23 I thoughte was charged wouen mothe wyne
re of the if a man myght drynke all the
my selfe shall be a scole